

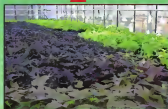


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Artists flock to Pelham

MELISSA HANGLSON/
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The Pelham Art Festival was held over the weekend with more than 70 artists from across Ontario, Quebec and the U.S. New exhibitor Lois Shaw from Dundas spent Mother's Day weekend showing her work and meeting with other artists at the festival.



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UPFRONT

■ **GOLF:** Harsh winter rough on courses throughout Niagara

Winter's cruel reminder

BERNIE PUCHALSKI
QMI Agency Niagara

At this point in the spring, the Niagara Parks Commission's Whirlpool Golf Course is usually bustling with golfers.

But after one of the nastiest winters in decades, the course is still not open as the parks commission deals with damage on 17 of the courses's greens.

The Niagara Falls course is the worst-hit along Niagara, with lesser problems experienced by other top-notch courses such as Cherry Hill, Lookout Point and Twenty Valley.

"It has been a long, long time since we've had similar conditions," said Dave Adames, senior director for business development at the Niagara Parks Commission.

Rich Merlino, general manager at Lookout Point, echoed those thoughts last week.

"Our superintendent has been with us for 40 years and this is the worst winter he has seen since he has been here."

The problem can be found across Canada, but the most widespread damage occurred in southern and southwestern Ontario, said Ken Cousineau, executive director of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association.

The length and severity of the winter — in particular, the ice storm that hit large sections of Ontario in mid-December — are the main culprits for the damage.

"When turf is covered with ice for longer than 60 to 70

days, it will die," Cousineau said.

He expects the damage to cost Ontario golf courses plenty in lost revenue and repairs.

"There's a number of different areas of cost, but I could easily say the cost will be in the millions," Cousineau said. "I wouldn't want to speculate too far on that, but the costs are going to be extremely high."

Simply, the greens on many older courses are made up mostly of poa annua grass and some bent grass. The latter is much more resilient to extreme weather conditions, but the poa is an invasive species and hard to remove.

"The old line is poa isn't the problem," Cherry Hill superintendent John Gail said. "Poa fills in where the problem was."

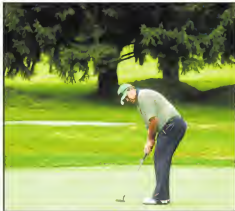
The solution isn't as simple as replacing poa annua grass with more hardy bent grass.

"Number 1, it's not inexpensive to do that and No. 2 is that poa is a very invasive species," Cousineau said.

"Over time, if you're not very vigilant and very careful about your overall maintenance, the poa has a tendency to come back into the picture."

At the Burlington Golf and Country Club, the course lost 80 to 90 percent of the turf cover on all 18 of its 90-year-old greens. The club decided to re-seed with bent grass at a cost of \$200,000 rather than over-seed with bent grass.

"The re-seeding option was chosen because the bent



Ken Taring puts on the first hole at Lookout Point Country Club during the PGA of Ontario Seniors Championship last winter. The green is one of four damaged by the harsh winter.

grass greens versus poa/bent mix will be in the long run prevent future occurrences of our present situation," club president George Major wrote in an open letter to members. "This is the best course of action from a long range as well as a short-range perspective."

Dealing with the issue over the long term is something courses might want to pursue. "We all know about global warming," Gail said. "It seems like the colds are getting colder, the snows are getting heavier and the winters are getting warmer."

"I wouldn't think it will be too long before this happens

now would have the course open May 30."

"However, we are monitoring progress of recovery plan," Adames said. "If these cooler conditions persist, we may have to re-examine that date."

League and tournament play has been moved to Legends on the Niagara until Whirlpool is ready.

"The key for us is we want to make sure that when we re-open, that the course is at the level of conditioning that we can all be proud of," Adames said.

Lookout Point general manager Rich Merlino describes the Fort Erie course as being in "aggressive recovery mode."

"We have four greens that are really concerned about and we didn't know all the damage until the snow was gone," he said.

The Fortnall club started the recovery process on Easter Monday, using a process called verti-cutting — putting slices into the greens to create grooves — then aerating by putting bent grass plugs into the ground, and over-seeding with bent grass.

"We're waiting for Mother Nature to co-operate as far as getting some sunshine and some warmth," Merlino said. "We're hoping this one comes around once every 40 years and we do a lot of TLC on those greens."

The club believes the tipping point for the damage was Jan. 6.

"We got a lot of rain during the day and it got up to 8°C,

so we had a considerable thaw during the day and that night we recorded a -36°C wind chill," Merlino said.

Cherry Hill has five greens that are out of play.

"The areas aren't very big and they've responded pretty well," Gail said.

The Fort Erie course has been seeding greens with bent grass for awhile and the greens are now 25 to 50% bent grass.

"Sometimes the distribution isn't as good as we'd like, and those are the areas that suffer the most when we have a winter like this," Gail said. "Then we go in and we feed more bent grass into them, which is a great technique when it's warm but it takes a lot of time to germinate."

The one positive is that Cherry Hill will end up doubling the percentage of bent grass because it's the only thing growing right now.

Cherry Hill expects the five greens to be back in use in a week or two.

Twenty Valley is using step-turf greens to start the season.

"We could be playing on those greens right now, but we've taken the preventative measure to cover them, excessively seed them and try to trap some heat and get some grass growing," head pro Ron Kenesky said.

The goal is to re-open the greens in two weeks, assuming the weather warms up.

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■ **SHORT HILLS:** Critics say evidence shows hunters can't be controlled

Deer hunt opponents want support

ROB HOULE
QMI Agency Niagara

Don't tell Robin Zavitz the Short Hills Provincial Park native deer hunt is safe for area residents.

Zavitz, whose Roland Rd. property abuts the park, showed a number of photos to Niagara Region councillors recently proving, she said, her land was trespassed upon by aboriginal hunters.

Through a long-standing treaty agreement, native hunters have been allowed into the closed park to kill deer with bows and arrows. A first hunt in the park took place over four days in January 2013 and a second hunt was scheduled for eight days in November.

Zavitz is a member of the Short Hills Wildlife Alliance, a group opposed to the native hunt. Zavitz and fellow alliance member Sheila Kreskorian were at council to raise their "great concerns" over the safety of the hunt.

Kreskorian thanked regional councillors for their decision Oct. 31 to write letters in opposition to the hunt to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Natural Resources Minister David Orszel.

Since the letters failed to stop the fall hunt, Kreskorian and Zavitz were at council to update elected officials on what the alliance feels are safety issues that could lead to the province putting a stop to future native hunts in the park.

Zavitz reiterated her prediction from Oct. 31 that the MNR would not be able "to secure the park and these hunts are a huge public safety issue."

She said her concerns were that hunters would cross the boundaries of the hunt zone in pursuit of deer.

"I don't need to predict anymore... this is in fact exactly what happened on our property on Nov. 23," Zavitz said.

The photos in her presentation purport to show a wounded deer on neighbouring private property, a native hunter who was

in the pursuit, signs at the edge of her property warning to Keep Out, and Zavitz having a "heated" conversation with a Ministry of Natural Resources official.

Two of the photos are of what she said are MNR officials investigating the trajectory of an arrow impaled in a tree on her property.

Zavitz said her family had clearly flagged the edge of their property and that the hunter tracking the wounded deer would have had to have seen the boundary markers. But, she said, he chose to "ignore" them in "direct violation of the MNR's protocol for pursuing wounded deer onto private property."

She said MNR protocol in regards to a wounded deer allows the hunter to enter a flagged buffer zone, but the hunter must not enter private property without first contacting the hunt co-ordinator, who would then seek permission of the property owner.

"This did not happen, we were never notified," Zavitz said. She said the wounded deer the native hunter was pursuing crossed her property and collapsed on neighbouring private property, a fact she said was not made known to the neighbour until she mentioned it to them.

She said a conservation officer "put it out of his misery." An MNR spokeswoman said the deer was returned to native hunters.

"A very heated conversation then occurred between us and the Ministry of Natural Resources (worker) regarding this trespasser, the wounded deer and the fact that again the MNR had proven their inability to control this hunt," Zavitz said.

She said she asked the MNR to call an end to the hunt immediately "due to these safety issues and trespassing issues, yet the hunt continued."

She said the next morning she and her daughter saw two hunters on their property and shouted to them to leave, which they did.



ROB THOMAS/STAFF PHOTO

A deer spotted in Short Hills Provincial Park in 2013.

She said she left a message for an MNR official, but it was not returned. She then called Niagara Regional Police and a formal trespassing incident was reported. She said later the same day an arrow was found by a friend lodged in a tree on her property.

She said MNR officials and an NRP officer spent more than an hour investigating how the arrow got there. She said the investigation proved inconclusive.

"This was three infractions, in two days, on one property," Zavitz said.

Zavitz said she finds it hard to believe only two of the nearly 100 private properties that border Short Hills were "violated."

She said the MNR's current position is "there's no evidence of trespassing."

Jolanta Kowalski, the MNR's senior media relations officer, said Tuesday "both the MNR and Niagara Regional Police have investigated the alleged incidents of hunters entering private property and to date have found no evidence to suggest that any hunters entered private property."

Zavitz and Kreskorian requested regional council ask the province to invoke the Sparrow Ruling that would allow the province to ban all future hunts in Short Hills Provincial Park because of safety issues.

Councillors voted 23-0 to ask the MNR to investigate the public safety concerns and to take additional measures to ensure public safety, and that staff report on the merits of asking the minister of natural resources to invoke the Sparrow Ruling.

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Overcoming 'information bombardment' with creative problem-solving

Between the 24/7 news cycle and updates from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media, do you ever feel "bombarded" by information? According to McMaster University professor Nick Bondi, whose senior management staff from each of Niagara's towns and cities heard last week, we experience "information bombardment" every day.

"By the 1930s, the world's cumulative information base doubled every 30 years. By the 1970s, this rate shrunk to seven years. Nowadays, the information base of the world doubles every 11 hours," said Dr. Bondi.

So, what can we do to overcome information bombardment?

I was reminded of a sensible approach as I was re-reading a Dale Carnegie book over the weekend. Carnegie wrote in 1948 that "...knowledge is power until it is applied...". The purpose of this book is to remind you of what you already know and to kick you in the shins and inspire you to do something about applying it.

What do we do in Pelham to apply knowledge?

After examining several programs and opportunities to stimulate innovation over the summer of 2012, the town began using the creative problem-solving process as taught by another McMaster professor, Min Basadur. Eighteen staff and three members of council ended up taking the initial training. We consisted of three three-day sessions in fall 2012. Later, Basadur taught the process to all of council and to the remaining staff.

After seeing the positive results, the town imbedded the creative problem-solving (CPS) process throughout the organization. We use it as a tool in resolving problems of individuals and groups within the community and share it with regional organizations and boards.

Problems are now viewed as opportunities — or "golden eggs" — and staff members are encouraged to seek out and solve problems using the CPS process. This winter, public works staff used CPS to develop a way to thaw water lines without digging up the road, saving thousands in repair costs. Council also uses the process to resolve important issues — from developing an environment protection bylaw to recommending a location for the new skatepark, to making Pelham St. more walkable and safe, to providing appropriate library service in Fenwick.

Over the past three years the town budgeted \$266,324 for municipal development (\$70,212 in 2012, \$111,222 in 2013, and \$84,590 in 2014). From 2012 to March 2014 the town only spent 38% of this training budget (\$100,222.23) on the CPS process; this included training, facilitation and strategic planning for all staff and council.

By overcoming information bombardment with the CPS process, Pelham applies knowledge and yields positive and tangible results.

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca with questions or to suggest future topics. Check out past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

COMMENT

'We Bee' thinking about 'fools'

GORD ABRAHAM
Port Colborne Baptist Church

Sometime in overhearing conversations or being part of them, it is said of another he or she is a fool. It is intended to be derogatory and a put down but God's word has something to say about this as well.

I quickly searched the online Princeton definition. "A fool is a person who lacks good judgment or a person who is gullible and easy to take advantage of."

From what I read, whichever of the two you choose, it means the same. A fool is someone who is lacking wisdom or is easily led because he lacks the wisdom to know he is being led in a wrong direction.

Years ago, Jim Elliot gave his life to serve a tribal group in the jungles of Ecuador. Jim and four others were all murdered in the jungle near a village of the violent, and dangerous Waodani tribe. The very people, that the five missionaries loved and were attempting to tell of the love of Jesus, were their executioners; spears puncturing their bodies like pin cushions.

At first, the loss of the five men was declared a waste or a foolish sacrifice. But, the opposite was true. To God, this act of sacrifice was wisdom.

Most don't get it. It remains foolish to

them. But, such it is with God.

The late Christopher Hitchens, self-confessed atheist, would tear strips up one side of this idea and down the other for even intimating that God, if he exists, works the way he does. He would conclude that God is foolish, absurd, barbaric, poisonous and certainly not great. Even to me, there are times when, what God does, appears senseless, foolish and wasteful.

But, the motto of Elliot's life, penned years before his death, speaks to the contrary.

He wrote the following, in his journal, Oct. 28, 1949: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

In this journal statement, Elliot seems to answer, prophetically, the question "Is the sacrifice of my life a waste?"

"Am I a fool if I give up my life in order to give the message of Christ's love to those who have never heard of Him?"

Elliot believed that his physical life was expendable in the cause of allowing others to hear the good news of Jesus' love and death on the cross for them. He believed that the sacrifice of his physical life was nothing compared to gaining life eternal with God for himself and others. The outcome is found in history. The first to become Christ-followers in that very tribe, were the men who earlier speared Elliot and his four friends to death.

In I Corinthians 1 verse 18 and 19,

the Apostle Paul writes: "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction. But who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.'"

To another group in the Empire capital of Rome, the Apostle Paul writes in Romans 1 verse 16 and 17: "For I am not ashamed of this good news about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes — the Jew first and also the Gentile. This good news tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'"

A life lost in the manner of Jim Elliot's seems foolish to many. A message of the crucified God, in our modern world of technology and independence, is close to craziness.

But to God, who has the final word and through whom we live and move and have our very existence, it is called wisdom.

People who come to the realization that they have been foolish in rejecting the gift of God's Son, Jesus, and instead, choose to trust in Jesus Christ, gain the salvation of God. They are not fools in God's sight, but are declared wise.

I would rather be a fool God's way. How about you?

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EDUCATION

High school students to set sail with Algoma

ALLAN BENNER
Pelham News Staff

As of next September, local Catholic high school students will have the opportunity to learn what it's like to be sailors.

Through a new partnership agreement between Algoma Central Corp. and Niagara Catholic District School Board, students will be invited to spend up to five days sailing aboard Algoma's vessels sailing around the Great Lakes.

The board's student success co-ordinator, Marco Magazzeni, said students could be aboard the ships from two to five days at a time, as long as the work placements do not interfere with earning the credits needed for graduation.

"Just to walk on to one of those ships is phenomenal," he said after signing the agreement during a ceremony at Lock 8 Park in Port Colborne last Wednesday morning.

"It's mind blowing for me as well. It's such an unconventional industry. Now, we're allowing our kids into that best-kept secret. It's pretty exciting."

Magazzeni said the students don't necessarily need to be pursuing a career as a sailor to participate in the work placement opportunities aboard the

ships.

"There are electricians, steam fitters, students from the hospitality program" who could participate, he said.

"There's a wide variety of trades people on the ships, but we also want to include engineering, design, and technology. It all falls within that industry," Magazzeni said. "We're offering our students the opportunity to cater to your career, to the careers that are becoming available and that are available."

Algoma's president, Greg Wight, said the company's workers aboard the ships should have

no problem working with the up-and-coming sailors.

"They're used to having people looking over their shoulders. They'll do fine," Wight said.

For a corporation facing the retirement of more than half its workforce within the next decade, Wight said "attracting and retaining young workers is a very big challenge and priority for Algoma."

"Any chance we can get to partner with schools that will provide future employees, we jump at it," he said. "It's our future."

Wight said the agreement with the school board was co-or-

dated with the assistance of the City of Port Colborne.

"Apprenticeships are alive and thriving in Port Colborne within the manufacturing sector and you're hearing it from the CEO of a multimillion-dollar corporation that there are positions on the horizon," Magazzeni told a group of Lakeshore students during the ceremony.

Meanwhile, Magazzeni said the Cath-

olic school board continues to expand the opportunities for its students.

Last Thursday the board signed an agreement with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, and Magazzeni said he's currently working with a large railway company to develop a similar partnership.

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STAFF PHOTO
Lakeshore Catholic High School principal Glenn Gifford, from left, Algoma president Greg Wight, board student success coordinator Marco Magazzeni, and Mayor Vance Badawey sign an agreement to allow students aboard Algoma ships for work placement.

Suffering from Hot Flashes?

Mary Carlson is a 52 year old woman with a busy life, a large, loving, family, loads of good friends and more volunteer work than she has time for. Mary is at the age, as are many of her friends, where she is plagued with effects of menopause. Hot flashes that strike in an instant, mood swings that seem to last forever, nausea, anxiety attacks, low tolerance for her family, weight gain and probably her most annoying symptom, night sweats that upset and disturb her sleep. Her symptoms affected her well-being, her mood, her outlook and almost every aspect of her life.

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Wednesday May 22	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Thursday May 23	10:00 am - 11:00 am

Drop in and try any session for \$6 or purchase your 10 + 2 bonus passes for \$60. For more information on any of the Zumba classes, please contact (905) 892-2607 ext. 329.

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Summer Programs - Aquatics & Summer Camps

Registration is now open for swimming lessons, Lifesaving Training Programs, the Pelham Penguins Swim Team and the Triathlon Club, Summer Day Camps, Playground Program, Specialty Camps: Bike Camp; Art Camp; Sports Camp; You're the Chef Camp. Registration forms are available at pelham.ca and at Town Hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

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Pelham Farmers' Market - May 1 until October 30 - Pelham Town Square - May 7 Market Bucks Winner: Cathy Wiley

Come out and meet your local market vendors and purchase food that is fresh, high in quality and the next best thing to harvesting it yourself.

Every Thursday from May 1 to October 30, 4:30pm till dusk. **May 15 - Mayor's Walk & Talk at 6pm**

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Summerfest Vendor Applications - It's time to start planning to "Chill on the Hill"! Vendor applications for Pelham Summerfest are now available at pelhamsummerfest.ca.

VILLAGE OF EAST FONTHILL - OPEN HOUSE

Get Informed

An application for a Zoning By-law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision for lands located on the south side of Highway 20 East, west of Rice Road, has been submitted to the Town.

The application proposes the development of approximately 53 acres (21.7 hectares) for:

- residential use
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- medical facility
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Get Engaged

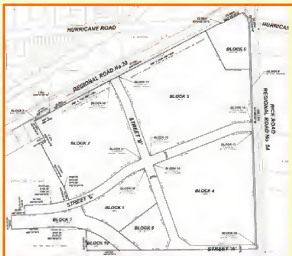
Open House

Wednesday May 21st, 2014

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Alexander's Catholic Elementary School Gymnasium (26 Highway 20 East)

Get Connected

Contact the Town of Pelham Community Planning & Development Department Director, Terrance Glover, at (905) 892-2607 ext. 316 or tglover@pelham.ca. More information available at pelham.ca/east-fonthill.



MAP

LOCAL NEWS

■ **EDUCATION:** Niagara Catholic District School Board hands out its 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

Common thread for textile mogul

GREG FURMINGER
Pelham News Staff

Welland native Shannon Passero runs a highly successful textile company in Thailand that employs 1,100 mostly women workers and another 4,500 skilled artisans from nearby villages.

She is co-founder and creative director of the Pure Handknit and Neon Buddha clothing brands that generate \$50 million to \$75 million in annual sales.

Just last year, after years of selling online and in stores, and having her clothing featured in such places as Elle

magazine and on TV's *Celebrity Apprentice*, she opened her first storefront in the old fire hall on Albert St. W. in Thorold.

Passero is a Niagara success story that she admitted has been "under the radar a little bit."

Since graduating from Welland's Notre Dame College School in 1991, she's done extremely well.

And so have her employees.

Each of her overseas workers is guaranteed a minimum wage, free English and Thai classes during work, free

health care and paid health benefits, including maternity leave twice Thailand's national standard.

Dyes for the fabrics are produced in-house and only high-efficiency light bulbs are used in the factory.

Now 16 years into her business, recently turned 40 and expecting to deliver daughter No. 2 on Monday, Passero said she is at a point in her life that she finds herself reflecting on who she is and how she got here.

Now living in St. Catharines with husband Michael, Passero — nee Cooney — said

she learned going to school that education was "not just about books."

"I was very interested in the extracurricular parts of school," she said, also admitting that while she played a number of sports, she wasn't particularly good at any of them. But the experiences moulded her into a well-rounded person.

"I was a good student — I got A's — but I really had to work at it," she said. "I know the value of education."

Experiences at Notre Dame, including its annual pilgrimage for developing nations,

developed her life skills, she said, that gave her tools to succeed in subsequent studies at fine art and business management at University of Guelph.

"I guess I was given the gifts of teamwork and camaraderie that Notre Dame laid out as foundations for me to work with," she said last Friday prior to receiving one of seven Niagara Catholic District School Board 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

For what Niagara Catholic graduates made of their positions — not what positions they attained — are what the board's now two-year-old cel-

ebratory distinction awards are about, education director John Crocco said at the start of the awards ceremony at the Catholic Education Centre in Welland.

Board chair and St. Catharines trustee Kathy Burnik praised distinguished alumni for embracing the Catholic faith while making the choices they have in their working lives.

"You now inspire others ... not by your words, but by your actions."

Other award recipients are:

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AWARDS

It's about what they have done with their positions

From Page 8
■ Lisa Monchallin, Lakeshore Catholic High School, class of 1999

Monchallin became the first Aboriginal woman in Canada with a PhD in criminology, and is now a professor of criminology at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in British Columbia.

■ Michael Rosinski, Notre Dame College School, class of 1993

He entered the Jesuits the year after graduation. In his years as a priest, he has served in Rome and South Sudan and as a chaplain and religion teacher.

He gulped Friday that he is indeed "a product of the Catholic education system" — his teacher parents met on the job.

■ John Belcastro, Notre Dame College School, class of 1992

He was the first lay principal of the Welland high school, and upon retirement continued to serve Catholic education as a trustee.

■ Khalil Syne, Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School, class of 2002

As a pilot with the United Nations, he was stationed in hot spots including Afghanistan, the Ivory Coast and Liberia and in Haiti. Many of the flights in these areas included medi-vac

missions and flying in humanitarian aid.

"Catholic education is not something we attend, but what we become," he said in an acceptance speech made via pre-recorded video.

■ Jennifer Hollett, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, class of 1990

Hollett's media career included working as a TV host and reporter at CBC, CTV and MuchMusic. She has been an advocate of the rights of women while on location in places such as Afghanistan, Kenya and Sierra Leone. In 2006 she founded YouthCARE with CARE Canada, and has been the moderator of the Cj(hr)20 Summit since 2010, an international girls leadership conference.

"I wouldn't be here without that education. It shaped me at a very young age," she said.

■ William Jones, Saint Paul Catholic High School, class of 2004

Jones was in class on March 23, 2004, when staff administered CPR before he was rushed to hospital, where he was given a 7% chance of survival. Today he is president of the Schulich Non-Profit Management Student Group and Vice-President of the Schulich Student Speaker

Series. In 2011, he was selected by the Governor General as one of 120 youth leading Canada toward being a Smart and Car-

ing Nation.

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Notre Dame College School graduate Shannon Passero, who founded a multimillion-dollar textiles company in Thailand, is one of seven recipients of Niagara Catholic District School Board's 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

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Video contest reels in tuition costs

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PerFinancial Credit Union is asking Niagara students to create a video that explains in two minutes or less what they want to be when they grow up and why.

There are five cash prizes available with the grand prize winning home \$2000.

Applicants submit videos by June 6 by uploading them to YouTube and completing a necessary application form at www.sprout.ca/scholarship.

A panel of six judges, including PerFinancial chief executive officer Bob Watson and Tribune managing editor Dan Dakin, will evaluate the video submissions from June 6 to 13 and select the top five.

People will be able to vote for their favourite

video at sprout.ca from June 16 to 30.

"With tuition and books, the costs can add up pretty quickly. Winning this contest was a big help for me financially and also helped relieve some of the stress that goes along with the post-secondary transition," said 2013 scholarship winner and current Brock University student Marina Rose, who is also a judge this year.

"It was interesting to see how passionate other Niagara students are in pursuing a career in a variety of different fields."

Other judges are Business Education Council of Niagara program co-ordinator Pauline Carroll, TVOgeco Niagara programming and community relations manager Jack Cutlers, and Leadership Niagara executive director Mario De Divitis.



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At market with Mom



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■ **ECONOMY:** Campion says few local businesses reported significant benefit though

Canoe Niagara netted \$12M: report

ALLAN BENNER
Pelham News Staff

Niagara's economy received an infusion of more than \$12 million as host of the Inter-

national Canoe Federation's world junior championships in August, according to a Canadian Sports Tourism Alliance report. But if that estimate is correct, Ward 2

Coun. Frank Campion said Welland businesses apparently didn't receive much of that money.

CSTA research director Tony Fisher was at last Tuesday's Welland city council meeting discussing the economic impact from the Junior and Under-23 Canoe Sprint World Championships, held at the Welland International Flatwater Centre last summer.

According to the Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model (STEAM) used by the national organization to gauge the impact large sporting events have on communities, Fisher said the event netted about \$12.2 million.

For Sport Canada, it's the model of choice for the international hosting program," he said.

Fisher said the event attracted about 2,178 unique visitors during

the four days it was held, spending a total of \$1.5 million.

He said the total estimate includes capital costs, event operations, taxes, wages and salaries, and other expenditures.

But Campion said a survey he sent to local businesses last fall showed few benefited from the event, although the city pitched in to help cover the cost of running it.

"If those numbers are correct, we're the people who are paying for (the event) here in Welland and other communities are definitely benefitting from it."

"We have to have sticky fingers," Campion said in an interview. "That money has to stay closer to home if we're putting money into these things."

Regardless of the local impact, Campion said the overwhelming

majority of the nearly 100 businesses he surveyed favoured continuing to support events on the waterfront.

However, the business owners also wanted "to ensure that the municipality doesn't pump too much money into it, and further that things are done to improve the benefit to local business," he said.

Campion said his survey was provided to Welland Recreational Canal Corp. and is scheduled to be discussed at the organization's next board meeting.

Chair Tom Bacoloni said he is looking forward to discussing the survey results.

The document, he said, could find ways to help local businesses benefit from future events.

"We have to see what the next step is. We'll take any kind of information like that," he said.



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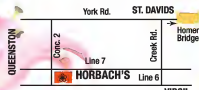
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■ EDUCATION

Student brings home gold at skills competition

MELISSA MANGELSEN
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Niagara Catholic District School Board sent 34 students to compete at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition in Waterloo May 5 and 6.

Alex Hoelzli, a Grade 12 student at Notre Dame College School, finished tops in all of Ontario in the precision machining competition. With his gold-medal performance he will now advance and compete at the National Skills championship against top students across Canada.

"We're really proud of him," said teacher Mike Stevenson. "He's the first student who has won gold from the Niagara Catholic District School Board in precision machining."

More than 1,900 of Ontario's top students competed in the competition with 30,000 spectators and 60 skilled trade contest areas.

Jeff Tapp brought home a silver medal in the plumbing competition, representing Lakeshore Catholic High School, along with teacher Joe Sciarra.

"My first year going I finished fourth," said Tapp. "Last year I improved to bronze and this



MELISSA MANGELSEN/STAFF PHOTO

Lakeshore Catholic High School teacher Mike Stevenson, left, took Alex Hoelzli, of Notre Dame College School to the Ontario Technological Skills Competition. Hoelzli won gold in the precision machining competition and will now move onto the National Skills Championship. Jeff Tapp, of Lakeshore Catholic High School brought home a silver medal in the plumbing competition with his teacher Joe Sciarra.

year I brought home silver. It's a tough competition to win."

Tapp and Hoelzli are both in the specials high school program and have future goals to work in plumbing and precision machining.

With Hoelzli's gold medal he will now move onto Skills Canada National Competition, June 4 to 7 in Toronto. With a

win there he could advance to the WorldSkills Competition, which is being held in Brazil this year.

"Events like Skills help students prepare for their future careers and highlights the students skill to potential employers," said Stevenson. "It's amazing to watch them apply what they've learned in the classroom to real life."

Both students have completed the apprenticeship preparation courses in their respective fields and will graduate with the Specialist High Skills Major Red Seal on their diploma.

"Both of these guys have a really bright future ahead of them and will be able to enter the workforce into high-paying jobs," said Stevenson.

He said Lakeshore Catholic High School principal Glenn Gifford, and senior administration at Niagara Catholic District School Board have been instrumental in providing students with the chance to compete at Skills.

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The Niagara region has a high concentration of ticks, especially in the areas surrounding Lake Erie. The Niagara Health Department recommends wearing pants and long sleeved shirts when walking in wooded areas to minimize the chances of a tick bite.

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Ticks often pick up the bacteria that cause Lyme disease while feeding on infected rodents. However, it should be noted that most ticks are not carriers.

The majority of people who are bitten by ticks do not develop Lyme disease, however if you notice a red bulls-eye rash on the skin, develop a fever, headache or muscle and joint pains, you should seek medical attention. The symptoms typically develop within 1 to 2 weeks of a bite. Lyme disease can often be cured with antibiotics if treatment is started early.

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■ ENVIRONMENT

NPCA chief vows better accountability

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D'Angelo takes the reins of an agency mired in controversy, including within the past year its board of directors awarding its chairman a \$86 pay hike for a total \$6,431.71 honorarium, a questionable 15-scene shoreline land deal with a developer in Welland, and now the hiring of D'Angelo himself.

Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, after *The Tribune* learned April 25 that D'Angelo had been selected for the top NPCA post, took to his Twitter account.

He tweeted: "Surprise! Surprise. Another member of @NPCA Board hired by majority of Board to senior executive staff position."

Last December, David Barrick, who had also sat on the board and continues to serve as a regional councillor for Port Colborne, was given an NPCA job he didn't apply for and which wasn't publicly advertised — that of senior manager of operations to oversee the authority's 37 conservation areas.

It's one of three new positions created as a result of a corporate restructuring last year, for which D'Angelo was paid as a consultant to implement.

"It's interesting that another member of the board has been hired by the NPCA," Augustyn, who does not sit on the 15-member board, said in an interview Tuesday.

"Another situation for members to appoint from within, and that's how it appears," he added.

"It doesn't look good."

Thirty-one people applied for the NPCA's top job — under the Conservation Authorities Act chief administrative officers also serve as secretary and treasurer — which pays between \$112,759 and \$140,950 a year.

D'Angelo's responsibilities will include overseeing combined operating and capital budgets totalling more than \$11.5 million this year — for which about 65% of revenues are levied by Niagara Region, despite the region having almost no control over the authority's decision-making.

D'Angelo starts his new job May 16, taking over from Terry D'Amario, who announced his retirement in January following a career with the NPCA spanning more than 25 years. His last day was April 30.

Norm Johnson, a member of the Welland River Floodplain Association, said in the news release issued Tuesday by the conservation authority announcing D'Angelo's appointment: "Carmen has demonstrated his willingness to work collaboratively and in consultation with community groups such as the Welland River Floodplain Association. We are confident Carmen will bring greater transparency and accountability to the administrative processes at the NPCA."

"This is extremely important when the NPCA operates in a regulatory framework which impacts landowners."

Board chairman Bruce Timms, a regional councillor for St. Catharines, said of D'Angelo in the same news release: "The NPCA is comprised of many diverse professions, such as ecologists, foresters, engineers, and certified planners. His determination for organizational excellence will help the NPCA to deliver on its mission to manage our watershed's natural resources by balancing environmental, community and economic needs."

Contacted for further comment, Timms said "the release speaks for itself." "We're happy to have him on board," he said.

Stakeholder consultations on development "is one of my first tasks," D'Angelo, in an interview, said of establishing the group. "That is one of the key cornerstones of the plan," he said, adding there is a lot of "good momentum" to expand upon from the NPCA stakeholder consultations on development

of the document.

"What I would say to my critics is one of the cornerstones of the strategic plan is greater accountability and transparency of the NPCA."

The NPCA's sometimes critics say has been lacking.

Grimsby regional Councillor Debbie Zimmerman, appointed to the board this spring, voted against D'Angelo's hire, not because of who he is, but, she said, because of the process leading up to filling the position, which at he held a \$41,000 contract to alter NPCA's management structure and then applied to head it.

"The other people didn't even have a chance," she said.

Zimmerman said the first thing she will be asking of the new CAO is for a review of the NPCA's governance structure.

That task is identified in the strategic plan. D'Angelo said reorganization at the NPCA's Welland offices on Thorold Rd. also includes a focus on streamlining the approvals process.

Another focus will be on communications, and improving an understanding with the public just what it is that the NPCA does, and showcasing its assets.

NPCA was established by the more than a half-century-old Conservation Authorities Act to further conservation, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals. Since 1959, the NPCA has become responsible to enforce emerging legislation in areas pertaining to such things as management of Niagara Peninsula Watershed flood plains, hazard lands and Great Lakes shorelines over an area of 2,424 square kilometers.

D'Angelo said sometimes the lines of responsibility have become "blurred" with the public, for example when the authority is making a decision or simply working in an advisory commenting role to an approval body, be it the Niagara Escarpment Commission or Ministry of Natural Resources.

Despite raised eyebrows about the goings-on of the NPCA and its recent firings and hirings, D'Angelo does have supporters. Norm Johnson, a member of the Welland River Floodplain Association, said in the news release issued Tuesday by the conservation authority announcing D'Angelo's appointment: "Carmen has demonstrated his willingness to work collaboratively and in consultation with community groups such as the Welland River Floodplain Association. We are confident Carmen will bring greater transparency and accountability to the administrative processes at the NPCA."

Board chairman Bruce Timms, a regional councillor for St. Catharines, said of D'Angelo in the same news release: "The NPCA is comprised of many diverse professions, such as ecologists, foresters, engineers, and certified planners. His determination for organizational excellence will help the NPCA to deliver on its mission to manage our watershed's natural resources by balancing environmental, community and economic needs."

Contacted for further comment, Timms said "the release speaks for itself." "We're happy to have him on board," he said.

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■ **AUTO RACING:** Motorcycle racer Kristy Dulaj switches to race cars

Double the fun for racer

BERND FRANK
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Motorcycle racer Kristy Dulaj's debut competing on four wheels was "totally awesome" while it lasted.

Too had the Modified Lite feature at Saturday night's season opener didn't last all that long. It was only 15 laps, not 30 or even 45, much to the chagrin of the newest addition to the Davidson Racing team.

Despite trailling the pack in the six-lap qualifying heat and finishing 11th out of 12 in the main event, the 27-year-old Welland resident had adrenalin to spare after she drove her No. 60 into the pit area for the final time.

"Too had we only get to do this once a week. It was totally awesome. I'm ready to go right back out there," Dulaj said.

She was asked how much

more racing would have been enough on her first night behind the wheel of one of two Modified Lite race cars owned by Bob Davidson of St. Catharines.

"About two or three times what I drove tonight," she answered with a laugh.

Dulaj, who responded to Davidson's call for a second driver after 12 years racing motorcycles at Niagara Motorcycle

Raceway in Welland, plans to take auto racing one week at a time.

"I have no expectations, so no matter how I do, I am going to do well," she said.

Dulaj's eagerness to learn and a down-to-earth appreciation that success won't happen overnight impressed Davidson enough to give her the keys to the car that last year was driven by his son Dylan.

"She's not saying she's going to set the world on fire like the guys would say. She's happy with learning. She knows she's going to need time to get used to racing cars," Davidson, the general manager at New Humberstone Speedway in Port Colborne, said.

"I feel confident she's not going to wreck the car, because at the end of the day I'm the one who has to fix it."

Dulaj, who hopes to finish in the "middle of the pack" by the halfway point of the season at Merrittville, has won one important race already — the race to line up sponsors. Support from Apex Driving Academy, Behind the 8-Ball, Sundance Pressure Cleaning and Hooters will go a long way to defraying maintenance, tire and fuel costs, freeing her to concentrate on driving.

An Eastdale Secondary School graduate who went on to study marketing at Niagara College, Dulaj said she can't remember a time growing up when she didn't have a good speed.

"I was born with it. It's all I know." Being one of the few women in a male-dominated sport won't be anything new to Dulaj. Last year she was the only female competing in the intermediate 450-cc class at the motorcycle track in Welland.

"Once you get a helmet on, there is no sex involved. You're just a racer. Mind you, the boys don't want to be beat by a girl," she said with a grin.

Dulaj is finding the weight distribution one of the highest differences

between two- and four-wheel racing.

"Going into the corners is completely different. On a bike, you can fall if you take it too tight; in a car, you can spin out."

She also said receiving instructions from track officials on a one-way radio will take some getting used to.

While Dulaj has always wanted to race cars, some of her friends, fearing for her safety, warned her against making the switch when the opportunity finally arrived.

"They said I would be taking my life in my hands, which doesn't make sense at all. On a motorcycle, you're out in the open. You're totally exposed to the elements."

Following are the top five finishers from the 63rd season opener at Merrittville Speedway:

■ **358 Modified, 35 laps:** 1. Chad Brachmann, Sanborn, N.Y.; 2. Pete Bicknell, St. Catharines; 3. Mar Williams, St. Catharines; 4. Tommy Flannigan, St. Catharines; 5. Ryan Suscie, Ransomville, N.Y.

■ **Sportsman, 25 laps:** 1. James Friesen, St. Catharines; 2. Gary Lindberg, Ridgeway; 3. Brad Rouse, St. Catharines; 4. Brent Begole, Thorold; 5. Justin Sharp, St. Catharines.

■ **Modified Lites, 15 laps:** 1. Derek Wagner, Medina, N.Y.; 2. Paul Klager, Beamsville; 3. Josh Sliter, Ridgeway; 4. Jeffrey May, Mount Hope, Ont.; 5. Rick Koebel, Port Colborne.

■ **Hoolster Stocks, 20 laps:** 1. Jason Fontaine, Port Colborne; 2. Billy Hogue, Welland; 3. Mark Fawcett, Canfield, Ont.; 4. James Thompson, St. Catharines; 5. Roh Murray, St. Catharines.

■ **4-Cylinder, 15 laps:** 1. Dillon Sliter, Port Colborne; 2. Evan Curtis, Port Colborne; 3. Mike Sadussek, Niagara Falls; 4. Robert Goulding, Port Colborne; 5. Leroy Buscom, Welland.

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MAY 16

CRAFTING EXCHANGE

The popular "yarn exchange" at Pelham Public Library has been

expanded to include all kinds of crafts. Bring your yarn, needles, hooks, scrapbooking, stamping and beading supplies; fabric, etc. and trade for something you can use. All leftovers will be used for library programs or donated to a non-profit. Bring your portable craft and stay for TGIF Crafting Afternoon 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost \$2.

ROBERT WOOD SINGERS

presents its spring concert *Remember When*, 7:30 p.m. at Fonthill United Church. With Andrew Carnuthers directing and Darlene Oord at piano, join us as we celebrate the music of the '50s and '60s. Tickets are available at The Log Cabin, Games-A-Lot (Seaway Mall) and Ryson's Music in St Catharines. Cost: \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

MAY 21

NORDIC WALKING

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RETIREES & SENIORS LUNCH

hosted by Pelham Friends Church, 940 Haist St., Fonthill at noon, featuring Vintage Blend barbershop quartet. Freewill offering taken to cover cost of lunch and quartet. For attendance, contact Janet Tritton at 905-892-5362 or Karen Elliott at 905-892-1199.

MAY 23

MAPLE ACRES FRIENDS' BBQ

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to Maple Acres branch library, 781 Canboro Rd., Fenwick.

MAY 24

PLANT, LAWN & BAKE SALE

hosted by Pelham Horticultural Society at the Royal Canadian Legion hall, Hwy. 20, Fonthill, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. rain or shine.

MAY 26

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PELHAM HORTICULTURAL

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MAY 31

SPRING SHINDIG 2014

This concert/dance featuring Canadian grand master fiddler Patti Lamoureux starts 7:30 p.m. at Rockway Community Centre, 2021 Regional Rd. 69 (Pelham Rd. at the corner of Wessell Rd.). Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. The concert is followed by old-time dance, door prizes, raffles and 50/50 draw. Contact Cassandra at 905-682-3800 ext21 or www.cssn.ca. Proceeds to support Community Support Services of Niagara.

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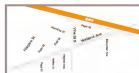
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